

Congregational Unitarian Church  
Green Sanctuary Committee  
221 Dean Street, Woodstock IL 60098

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August 14, 2005

Dear Recipient:

We share with people of faith across our country an abiding concern for the sanctity of our environment. "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part" is one of our guiding principles, as is "the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."

Acting on our principles, we gathered signatures on current issues that reflect a growing disregard by government for preserving our beautiful natural Earth for ourselves and the generations who will follow us.

Please review these issues and recognize that our signers represent only a snapshot in time and space of the millions of people who are deeply concerned and willing to put themselves on record. We are increasingly angry about the relentless degradation of environmental laws and regulations by the current Administration and by certain corporations.

We will not sit by and watch this happen. Our votes and our financial support will go to those who show respect for our Earth and its preservation, not its plunder for profit and power.

Sincerely,



Sue Eberhardt  
For the Green Sanctuary Committee

No special access for jetskis

## **PROTECT THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FROM JETSKIS!**

The Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge is the longest river refuge in the United States outside of Alaska, extending 261 miles along the Mississippi River from Wisconsin to Illinois, and containing some of America's most valued wildlife and habitat. It is **one of the most important corridors of fish and wildlife habitat in the central United States.**

The Fish and Wildlife Service **proposes to eliminate personal watercraft (PWC) and other highly polluting boats by requiring only electric motors on major sections of the refuge.** The personal watercraft (PWC) industry and its supporters are pulling out all the stops to overturn this common sense plan. **PWC apologists** are balking at being treated like other boats and are instead **pushing a scheme that would mandate their thrillcraft "special access."**

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Don Hultman, Manager  
Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Ft. Snelling MN 55111-4056

Subject: Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Manager Hultman,

The Fish and Wildlife Service's primary mission is to protect fish and wildlife and their habitats contained within the national wildlife refuge system. As such, activities must be prohibited that inflict significant damage to wildlife and their habitat and disrupt the natural state of quiet and equilibrium.

Fish and wildlife do not thrive in noisy, polluted areas with jetskis churning the waters and degrading the shorelines. People (like us) who appreciate nature and visit the Refuge for solitude and revitalization also do not thrive under these conditions.

Therefore, we support the "enhanced alternative B" and its call for the **elimination** of personal watercraft throughout the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge. In addition, we believe off-road vehicles such as ATVs as well as marine outboard two-stroke motors must be prohibited for the protection of the refuge.

The "enhanced alternative B" was crafted by concerned citizens and best protects refuge resources such as air and water quality, wildlife, and solitude. We deplore any degradation of the refuge. We urge the FWS to adopt this alternative.

Sincerely,